

Follow-up to Questions asked during Changes to Public Library Accreditation Criteria Webinar Offered on January 15, 2015

How do we access the Administrative Code that contains the Minimum Accreditation Criteria?

The administrative code can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/AccreditationCriteria> . It is also available on our website at the bottom of the Public Library Annual Report page.
<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/pubs/arsma/index.html>

Please provide link to Maintenance of Effort spreadsheet.

The spreadsheet can be found on the Public Library Annual Report page of our website.
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Can the library charge for “tickets” to special programs sponsored by, and held at, the library?

No, the library cannot charge for programs that are intended for the general public and sponsored by the library.

Can the library charge a deposit on a circulating e-reader?

No, in this case, the e-reader is a circulating item and circulation of any type of material must be provided without charge to all persons residing in the local political subdivisions which provide monetary support to the library.

Can the library sell/charge for office supplies, such as pens, highlighters, and flash drives?

Yes, as long as they are not sold as part of a program.

Regarding the requirements for pass-through entities, how does our library get audited locally?

Audits are conducted on the legal entity level. So, if the library is established by the city, the library's audit should be a part of the city's audit. If the library is a non-profit, you will want to talk to your external accountant/CPA about an audit.

Does our Biblionix catalog count as a website?

As I understand it, Biblionix allows for some customization. If the site has more than just the catalog, such as contact information, then yes, it will. Facebook presence, or other social media, does not qualify as a website.